

MR. TAFT TAKES IN
THE HORSE SHOWA Little Late, but He Has a
Lively Time.

GETS SOAKED IN STORM

Besides, Burr McIntosh Took
His Picture.But Neither of These Trifles Dis-
turbed the Republican Candidate
Much, and Everybody Was Happy
When the White Sulphur Springs
Band Began to Play—Stopping in
the Old Bruce Cottage.White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Aug. 7.—
Mr. Taft and his party from Hot Springs
arrived here this afternoon in time to
take in the last few events on the day's
programme of the Greenbrier County
Horse Show.Mr. Taft and those with him had a
rough forty-mile drive over the Blue
Ridge Mountains, part of the way in a
driving rainstorm, and the reception which
they received at the horse show after their
strenuous day was hardly cheering.
Greenbrier is the strongest Democratic
county in the State, but even at that, the
apathy was noticeable, for the Con-
gressional district is Republican, and
local Republican leaders were supposed to
be taking part in the reception. Only a
faint cheer or two by a small crowd near
the grand stand greeted the candidate.
There were probably 1,500 persons on the
field, but the majority of them evinced
only a mild curiosity to see the Republi-
can nominee.The gentlemen roadsters' event was on
when Mr. Taft's brake showed at the
entrance gate. His approach, however,
was known to the crowd, for the bugler
on the brake had been blowing away with
the real show of enthusiasm. The brake,
containing besides the candidate, Mrs.
Taft, Gen. Clarence Edwards, Chief of
the Bureau of Insular Affairs, and Cam-
eron Forbes, vice governor of the Philip-
pines, went half way around the field to
the grand stand before there was even a
suggestion of a cheer.Cheers After While.
Senator Scott and Mrs. Scott were wait-
ing at the entrance to the grand stand for
the Taft party, and it was not until Mr.
Taft was headed for his box that the be-
lated thought struck the Republican lead-
ers that a little demonstration would not
be amiss. Then there were calls for three
cheers for Taft, followed by a little
racket. Mr. Taft had not been in his seat
five minutes when cries of "Go on with
the horse show," began to come from the
crowd in the grand stand, and the band
switched back from "America" to "Har-
rigan." After that the calm of the sum-
mer's afternoon was broken only by the
hawking of the "watermelon man" and
the tooting of the White Sulphur brass band.Representative Gaines was not even on
hand at the field to cheer it up for the
candidate. He arrived a few minutes
after Mr. Taft got there. As he stepped
into the Taft box a West Virginian with
waist-long whiskers slapped him on the
back and said: "Jim, your friend Taft is
all right."Somebody Made a Miscue.
Mr. Taft himself was anxious when he
consented to visit the horse show to
keep politics out of the programme, and
it was understood that he would not be
called on to speak. The edge may also
have been taken off the keenness of the
West Virginians through a misunder-
standing as to the time of Mr. Taft's ar-
rival. About 1,000 persons gathered at the
hotel at 11 o'clock in the morning, under
the impression that the candidate was to
arrive then. It was after 3 o'clock when
he did arrive. Any way you look at it,
though, it is apparent that somebody fell
down on the job in the reception line.Mr. Taft and his party were at the
horse show for about two hours, long
enough to get caught in a rainstorm for
the second time since they left Hot
Springs. The management of the show
had postponed the "jump" until Mr.
Taft got there. The candidate had ex-
pressed a desire to see this event, and
he was greatly interested in it.The Order of Procession.
Mr. Taft and his party left Hot Springs
at 8:30 o'clock in the morning. Three
other carriages followed the Taft party
brake. One contained Thomas J. O'Brien,
United States Ambassador to Japan; Post
Wheeler, secretary to the American Legation
at Tokyo, and his wife, and Charlie
Taft, the candidate's young son. An-
other carried the newspaper correspond-
ents, and the third Burr McIntosh. Keep
your eye on Burr. He was busy forty
miles, and if he has not got pictures of
every foot of the landscape, with Taft in
each of them, it will only be because his
machine did not move. Burr took his
position right behind the Taft brake, and
he blazed away without a rest, except
once, when he fell down the side of the
mountain. He had jumped out of his
carriage then and was trotting alongside
the brake. His foot slipped and the can-
didate, after he saw Burr pick himself
up, all right, shouted:
"Burr, are you still with us?"Burr Bares His Bald Head.
Burr was a real stylish looking photog-
rapher when he started out. But not
after that rainstorm hit him. Oh, no.
Everybody else had an umbrella or a
covered carriage. McIntosh had nothing
but a bald head, and he bared that to
save his straw hat. His stand-up collar
ran down his bosom, and little
streams trickled from his pants legs. But
he fired away just the same.When the storm was at its height a
voice rose above the din of the down-
pour: "Mr. Secretary, look this way,
please."
The candidate's head peeped out from
under an umbrella for one instant and

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WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia
and Maryland—Generally fair to-
day and to-morrow; light north-
west to north winds.

HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

Pages. TELEGRAPHIC.
1.—Zeppelin to New Airship.
1.—Taft at West Virginia Horse Show.
1.—Harry Thaw Takes Bankruptcy Law.
3.—President to Let Hughes Alone.
3.—Democratic Committee Needs Money.
3.—Open Ohio Campaign Without Foraker.
4.—To Decide Cadets' Fate on Monday.
4.—Battle Fleet in Big Pacific Storm.
5.—Cardinal Gibbons Reported Better.
5.—Strike on the Canadian Pacific.LOCAL.
1.—League Will Fight Oriental.
1.—Loot of Thieves Found in a Cabin.
1.—Baldwin's Balloon Sails Rapidly.
2.—Guardmen End Their Maneuvers.
2.—Mrs. Talbot Defends Paramees.
3.—Lost Arm Causes Much Excitement.
4.—Children Are Given Work Badges.
5.—Railway Entertains 500 Children.
12.—Railway Board Announces Meeting.
12.—Board of Trade Dines Ball Players.

TWO OFFICERS DISQUALIFIED.

Ninety-mile Test Affects Col. Byrne

and Maj. Mercer.
The ninety-mile test ride at Pine Plains,
N. Y., last month, disqualified two of-
ficers.
They are Col. Charles B. Byrne, medi-
cal department, stationed at Governors
Island, and Maj. W. A. Mercer, Eleventh
Cavalry, stationed at the Carlisle Indian
School. Col. Byrne was prohibited from
taking the ride by medical officers who
examined him. Maj. Mercer asked to be
ordered before a retiring board rather
than undergo the test ride. These cases
will not be acted upon until similar re-
ports from test rides in other military
departments are received at the War De-
partment.

Col. Byrne is a native of Maryland and

entered the army in November, 1898. Maj.

Mercer, a native of Connecticut, entered

the service in 1880.